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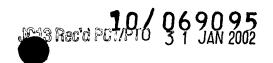
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the medium to be applied, and is more exact with respect to the location where it is applied.

It is recommendable for rollers constructed in the above sense to use sintered bodies of a material that is compatible with foods and is dough repelling, preferably polyamide. The average molecular weight for this has to be suitably chosen, for example about 800 to 1200, preferably about 1000, whereby the sinter volume amounts to 60 to 90 % (corresponding to a hollow space content of 40 to 10 %). In particular suitable within the spirit of the invention are sintered bodies of sintered granules of synthetic plastic material having an average grain size of 0.1 to 1.0 mm.

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Further features and advantages of the invention can be seen from the description of embodiments schematically shown in the drawings. Fig. 1 shows an embodiment in a vertical section. Fig. 2 shows the driven roller sets, bearingly supported in roller carriers, of the embodiment according to Fig. 1, in an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a section taken along the line III - III of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows a variant to Fig. 2 and Fig. 5 is a section taken along the line V - V of Fig. 4. Figs. 6 to 9 show in sections similar to Figs. 2 and 4 further embodiments. Figs. 10 and 11 show two variants for the adjustment of the gap existing between the two roller sets. Fig. 12 shows in a vertical section the supply of a flowable medium to the rollers and Fig. 13 is a section taken along the line XIII - XIII of Fig. 12.

Within the embodiment according to Figs. 1 to 3, the dough to be processed which may have been subjected to a long fermentation time, for example a kettle fermentation, is filled into a filling hopper 1 from above, the capacity of which corresponds suitably to the nominal capacity of the kneader by which the dough was previously processed. The hopper 1 is put onto the machine framework 2 and has below an outflow opening 3, the width of which, measured perpendicularly to the drawing plan, already determines the width of the dough strip or dough band to be produced. From the outflow opening 3 the dough 4 gets between two endless bands 5, 6 guided over rollers 7, 8, the rollers 7 of which are so driven that the two bands 5, 6 circulate stepwisely or continuously in direction of the arrows 9. The two bands 5, 6 have a longitudinal extension that is so obliquely disposed that the smaller rollers 8 are disposed below and neighbouring the

vertical axis 10 of the hopper 1. Guide members, which are not shown, may guide the bands 5, 6 so that the two lower most rollers 8 change their position periodically so that the gap 11 between the two rollers 8 changes its width and/or its position relative to the axis 10 periodically. From the gap 11, the dough 4 comes between two cylinders 12 or rollers which rotate in opposite direction in the sense of the arrows 13 and may, but must not, be driven in this direction. The gap 14 between the two cylinders 12 determines in the first instance the thickness of the strand or band of dough and may have an adjustable size, if desired. The so produced dough band reaches a conveyor belt 15 which conveys the dough 4 to a further

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Claims:

- 1. Apparatus for forming a strip of dough, comprising a framework (2) and two sets (21, 22) of superimposed rollers (23) disposed adjacent to each other and driven for rotation around their horizontal axes, the rollers (23) of each set (21, 22) being bearingly supported on a roller carrier (24) movable relative to the framework (2), wherein the dough (4) passes from above to below through the gap (26) remaining between the two roller sets (21, 22), which gap narrows to below, all rollers (23) of one set (21, 22) being driven in the same direction, however, the lower rollers (23) of the set (21, 22) being driven faster than the upper rollers (23) of the same set (21, 22), and wherein the roller carriers (24) of the two sets (21, 22) can be moved one against the other or apart form each other by eccentric drive means, characterized in that an eccentric (36, 45) is bearingly supported on each roller carrier (24) and is driven for rotation opposite to the direction of movement of the dough (4), and that each roller carrier (24) is bearingly supported on a further eccentric (36, 45) or a connecting rod (51) at a point that is located higher or lower than this eccentric (36, 45), wherein this further eccentric (36, 45) or this connecting rod (51) is bearingly supported for rotation or pivotal movement on the framework (2).
- Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the rollers (23) of the two roller sets (21, 22) have diameters that are equal to each other.
 - 3. Apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that each roller carrier (24) is formed by two walls (54) laterally confining the gap (50).

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4. Apparatus according to claim 1, 2 or 3, characterized in that the eccentric or the eccentrics (36, 45) or, respectively, the connecting rod (51) are adjustable.

Apparatus according to claim 4, characterized in that for the adjustment the
eccentricity and, respectively, or the bearing location of the eccentric (36, 45) and,
respectively, or the length and, respectively, or the linkage points of the connecting
rod (51) can be varied.

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- Apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the connecting rod
 (51) is obliquely directed from its linkage point (53) at the roller carrier (24) to above or to below.
- Apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that each two eccentrics (36, 45) disposed at both sides of the gap (50) are driven in synchronism, however with opposite direction of rotation.
- 8. Apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that above the gap (50) delimited by the driven roller sets (21, 22), adjacent to the respective uppermost rollers (23), two further sets (18, 19) of freely rotatable bearingly supported superimposed rollers are provided side by side, wherein preferably the gap delimited by these two roller sets (18, 19) is at least as width as the mean width of the gap (50) delimited by the driven roller sets (21, 22).

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- Apparatus according to claim 8, characterized in that the rollers (20) of each one of the further roller sets (18, 19) are superimposed in vertical direction and are all of the same size.
- 25 10. Apparatus according to claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the rollers (20) of the further roller sets (18, 19) have diameters that are smaller than those of the driven rollers (23).

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- 11. Apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the two roller carriers (24) can be adjusted by additional adjustment means in direction towards each other or away from each other.
- 5 12. Apparatus according to claim 11, characterized in that the adjustment means comprise toothed racks (55) connected to the roller carriers (24) and meshing with toothed wheels (56) bearingly supported at the framework (2).
- 13. Apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that at least one roller
 (23) is provided with at least one conduit (59) for supplying a flowable medium to the dough, which conduit extends in longitudinal direction of the roller, and that the roller jacket (65) surrounding this conduit (59) is constituted by a sintered body that is permeable for this medium.
- 15 14. Apparatus according to claim 13, characterized in that the sintered body consists of a dough repelling material, in particular polyamide having a molecular weight of about 800 to 1200, for example about 1000, whereby the sinter volume amounts to 60 to 90 %.
- 20 15. Apparatus according to claim 14, characterized in that the sintered body consists of sintered grains of synthetic plastic material having an average grain size of 0.1 to 1.0 mm, for example 0.2 to 0.35 mm.